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DAWSON QUITS OFFICE; JONES IS APPOINTED

Nice Says He Is Reluctant To Accept Secretary Of State's Resignation

BALTIMORE, June 29 (AP).—Gov. Harry W Nice announced today the resignation of his Secretary of State, Thomas L. Dawson, of Rockville.

The Governor said he had appointed E. Ray Jones, Oakland attorney, to succeed Dawson. He said he would swear Jones into office next Thursday at Annapolis.

Nice said Dawson's "private practice has become sufficiently pressing as to necessitate his abandonment of official duties incident to the office of Secretary of State."

"I have reluctantly accepted," the resignation, Nice said.

Police Judge Harold C. Smith, of Rockville, cleared Dawson yesterday of charges of driving while under the influence of liquor. The judge dismissed the charges brought by C. J. Gentzler, of Clarendon, Va., following a triple collision involving Dawson's automobile. The magistrate fined him, however, for reckless driving.

The Governor did not refer to the incident.

His announcement said:

"I have appointed Mr. E. Ray Jones, one of the leading members of the Garrett county bar, as Secretary of State, vice Mr. Thomas L. Dawson, whose resignation I have reluctantly accepted, but whose

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